

## HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT

The Insurgents Attack Lieut. Col. Parker at Vigan.

## REBELS FINALLY DRIVEN OFF

American Loss Was Eight Killed and Three Wounded.

## ENEMY LEFT FORTY DEAD

MANILA, December 6, 5:50 p.m.—Lieutenant Colonel Parker of the 45th Infantry, commanded at Vigan, province of South Ilocos, when that place was attacked Monday, December 4 (not last night as previously announced) by a force of insurgents. The American force consisted of Company B of the 33d Regiment, and 150 sick men, many of whom shared in the first attack, while the main body of the 45th Infantry, which was ordered to Vigan at 10 o'clock, the fighting and lasted until 10 o'clock. The Filipinos, who were estimated to have numbered about 800 men, and were commanded by Gen. Mino, came from the outskirts of the town to the port. The fighting was from house to house and almost hand to hand. The Americans captured eighty-four rifles and several prisoners. The official report says that three men were wounded.

Col. Blabie is sending reinforcements to Vigan on board the gunboat Wheeling.

Col. Parker praised the bravery of the sick American soldiers. Every man who was to stand hand to hand with the attack.

## Gen. Otis' Official Report.

The adjutant general today received a message from Gen. Otis, giving the latest developments in the military situation in the Philippines as follows:

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"Adjutant General, War Department, Washington:

"General Young, with thirteen companies of infantry and nine troops of cavalry, has not been heard from since the 28th ultimo; he was then about twenty miles south of Vigan, and most of those marching to his support, and who had with him three troops of cavalry, battalion 33d Infantry, and Macabebe scouts, one company 33d Infantry sent by boat to Vigan to reinforce navy there. Lieut. Col. Parker, 45th, reports from Vigan, 5th instant, that he has not heard from Young for a week. Insurgents, 800 strong, made attack on his force, consisting of B Company and 133 sick and foot-sore men, 33d Infantry, at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 4th, entering the city in darkness. Severe fighting ensued, continued for several hours. Enemy driven out, leaving behind forty dead, thirty-two prisoners, including many officers, and eighty-four rifles. Now on outskirts entrenching. Parker says he can hold out indefinitely; plenty rations and ammunition. His loss eight enlisted men, thirty wounded. One hundred and sixty men were transported from San Fabian to his relief. Young must be in vicinity with large force."

## Transport Sheridan Arrives.

Gen. Shafter, at San Francisco, has notified the War Department that the transport Sheridan arrived yesterday, with Acting Assistant Surgeon Holloway, three men of the Hospital Corps and three discharged soldiers. Remains transported Private James C. Hulan, K. 33d Infantry, Volunteers, died on outward voyage, October 11, pulmonary congestion and hemorrhage pulmonary artery. There were no casualties on the homeward trip.

## The Nashville Arrived at Colombo.

The Nashville arrived at Colombo, Isle of Ceylon, yesterday, on her way to Manila. The Texas left Brunswick yesterday for Hampton Roads. She will proceed to Havana to transport the remains of the dead of the Maine.

## The Logan at Malta.

A dispatch was received by the adjutant general today from Colonel Richmond, commanding the 41st Volunteer Infantry, on board the Logan, saying that the transport arrived at Malta today, with all well on board. The Logan left New York for Malta November 29.

## Charleston Court of Inquiry.

The Secretary of the Navy received the following cablegram this morning from Rear Admiral Watson, commanding the Asiatic station:

"CAVITE, December 6.

"Secretary of the Navy:

"Charleston court of inquiry ordered on the 5th inst. by the 5th. All Charleston's people present. W. A. R. O. N."

The court of inquiry was ordered by the department because the naval regulations require that the responsibility for the loss of ships shall be fixed by some competent tribunal. That Admiral Watson's competent to do so, and that the court of inquiry by the recent order assigning that officer to command in this case the double-turkey monitor Mater.

## WATER SUPPLY POLLUTION.

A bill for a Commission to Investigate From a Sanitary Standpoint.

A bill has been introduced in the House by Mr. Bartholdt of Missouri which will probably meet the approval of every person who drinks Potomac water. The bill provides for the appointment of a commission for the investigation of the pollution of the Potomac river and the effect of such pollution on the health of the people of the State. The Potomac river would come under this category of water supply.

The bill directs the President to appoint three commissioners to investigate fully the water supply of such streams. The commission shall move in Washington within thirty days after the passage of this act to consider the methods to be adopted in the investigation, and it shall have authority and be empowered to make use of the services of chemical, bacteriological and sanitary experts, and of such persons as may be deemed competent by reason of their special knowledge and experience to afford it correct information and to report the result of its inquiry, as well in formulating a bill to be introduced in the next session of Congress.

The commission shall report to Congress at its next session the progress made in its act, and shall submit such suggestions as may seem desirable, with the view of remedying any insanitary conditions that have been developed by the water supply of the Potomac river, or of such other of the thirty thousand rivers, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated to the salaries and expenses of the commission and carry out the purposes of this act.

## COMMITTED TO JAIL.

Court's Action to Secure Attendance of Defendant at Trial.

Justice Clabaugh, in Criminal Court No. 1 today committed Samuel Collins to jail to insure his presence in court tomorrow for trial, under an indictment alleging assault on his wife, Mary Collins, with intent to kill her.

The case was set for today, but when called, Collins, who was on bail, failed to respond. After the jury had been excused for the day and court was about to adjourn the defendant put in an appearance. Justice Clabaugh thereupon ordered his commitment as stated.

## No Reduction in Duty on Petroleum.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 6.—The reported reduction in duty on petroleum is authoritatively denied.

## Steamship Arrivals.

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